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"Warren's Carnegie Library" state historical marker will be dedicated in Warren, Indiana

A public dedication ceremony for an Indiana state historical marker is scheduled for July 7, 2007. The state historical marker recognizing Warren's Carnegie Library will be dedicated on library property at 123 East Third Street, at 10 A.M. Eastern Daylight Savings Time.

The text follows for the state marker entitled "Warren's Carnegie Library":

A Warren Public Library Board was organized in June 1916 after a public fundraising campaign to buy books and periodicals. In 1917, a grant of \$10,000 from the Carnegie Corporation was confirmed to support construction of a free public library. Library Board selected Samuel Craig as supervising architect 1917. Building is Neoclassical in design. Supply and transportation problems as a result of World War I halted construction temporarily. Warren Free Public Library was dedicated June 5, 1920 with over 1,500 books. Improvements completed in 1990s. One of 1,679 libraries built in U.S. with funds from philanthropist Andrew Carnegie. Indiana built more Carnegie libraries than any other state.

Everyone is invited to attend this dedication ceremony for the state historical marker honoring Warren's Carnegie Library and the library's contribution to literacy and education in the state.

Historical markers commemorate significant Indiana individuals, places, and events, and they help communities throughout Indiana promote, preserve, and present their history for the education and enjoyment of residents and tourists of all ages. Via the Internet, that history reaches a worldwide audience. For more than 90 years the Indiana Historical Bureau, an agency of the State of Indiana, has been marking Indiana history. Since 1947, the marker format has been the large roadside marker, which has the familiar dark blue background with gold lettering and the outline of the state of Indiana at the top. There are approximately 500 of these markers across the state.

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